

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Discussion of Rejections Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

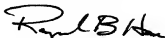
Claims 1-20 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,621,357. Applicant submits with this correspondence a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the term of any patent issuing from this application over the term of U.S. 6,621,357, which this application claims the benefit. Please see the attached Terminal Disclaimer for the exact language of the disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-20 in light of the Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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